

RUSSIAN ARMY REPORTED ROUTED

Report Reaches St. Petersburg that Kuropatkin's Attack on Kuroki North of the Taitse River Has Met with Failure and that He Is Falling Back.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 3.—A report has just reached St. Petersburg that Gen. Kuropatkin is in full retreat. The War Office admits that such a rumor has come from the seat of war, but declares that it is not official.

The War Office declares it is still without official information regarding the result of Kuropatkin's fight with Kuroki. If the report that the Russian Commander-in-Chief is retiring turns out to be true, it is considered possible here that it may be due to the appearance of another flanking movement of the Japanese higher up and from the west. Reports that the Japanese were moving up the Liao River toward Sinmintin were persistent just before the fighting began.

Notwithstanding the lack of official confirmation of Kuropatkin's retreat the report has fallen like a cold douche upon the General Staff. The Emperor, who was going to Libau to-day, has postponed his trip on account of the situation at the front. He has been spending most of his time the last three days with his cabinet at Alexandra Villa, with maps spread out before him, following the movements of the battle.

A high officer of the General Staff said to the correspondent of the Associated Press, after the receipt of the unofficial report that Kuropatkin was falling back, that, if it were true, he did not believe the commander-in-chief could afford to abandon his stores at Liaoyang, and, in his opinion, an army corps would be left there to protect them. He added:

"Liaoyang besieged might then become the Ladamith of the Japanese-Russian war."

Previous to the receipt of this report enthusiasm in St. Petersburg had been running high over rumors that Kuropatkin had massed almost his entire army north of the Taitse River and was giving battle to Kuroki, had pressed the Japanese and their flank movement.

CALLED A WELL-ORDERED MANOEUVRE.

What actually happened was asserted to be a well-ordered manoeuvre of war. As soon as Gen. Kuropatkin learned that Gen. Kuroki was crossing the Taitse with the evident purpose of cutting the Russian line of communication he drew off a strong force from Liaoyang to meet a reserve force from Mukden and give battle to Gen. Kuroki's division. A sufficient force of Russian troops was left in the fortified positions in and around Liaoyang to hold in check the armies of Oku and Nodsu to the south and southwest of the city.

Yesterday afternoon Oku assaulted one of the strong Russian positions on the Liaoyang side, which, it is presumed, guarded bridges, but the Japanese were repulsed with exceedingly heavy losses, the Russians behind their works suffering only slightly. The Japanese are using siege guns on the Liaoyang side.

OPENS WITH ARTILLERY ATTACK.

Kuropatkin did not delay after his concentration on the right bank. Yesterday morning he massed his artillery and at noon began to bombard Kuroki's position, preliminary to an infantry attack.

The above was the situation when the latest reports in possession of the War Office were sent.

What the authorities at Tokio regard as a Russian concentration at Yentai was probably Kuropatkin's preparations for taking the offensive. Telegraphic and railroad communication between the Russian army and Mukden was still open this morning.

The General Staff has made public Gen. Kuropatkin's despatch to the Emperor yesterday and the text is given out as follows:

"At nightfall Thursday the Japanese attacked our Sykwan position, but were repulsed after a hot fight. They renewed the attack at night, this time with success, driving back a regiment in the direction of Sakutin. The retreat of this regiment led to the evacuation of the positions held by other troops. Toward morning the troops advanced gradually in order to retake the Sykwan position."

"At dawn on Friday I assumed the offensive against the troops of Gen. Kuroki's army. At midday the heads of the attacking corps were in line and preparations were being made to retake by artillery the position captured during the night by the Japanese, and the infantry is also advancing to the attack."

RAOING ON WESTERN TRACKS.

ST. LOUIS WINNERS.

(Special to The World.)

FAIR GROUNDS RACE TRACK, ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 3.—The winners of the races here today are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs—Scott (P. Chase), 1 to 2, won; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:14.

SECOND RACE—Five and one-half furlongs—Tim Hurst, 1 to 2, won; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:04.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs—Joe (P. Chase), 1 to 2, won; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:14.

FINISHES AT HARLEM.

(Special to The Evening World.)

HARLEM RACE TRACK, CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 3.—Following are the results of the races held here to-day:

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs—Won by Boyer Johnson, 3 to 1 and 4 to 5; Silent Water, 5 to 1 and 6 to 1, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

SECOND RACE—Six and a half furlongs—Won by Don Domo, 11 to 2 and 1 to 2; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs—Speed (Shaver), 1 to 2, won; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

FOURTH RACE—Five furlongs—Won by Big Ben, 11 to 2 and 1 to 2; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

FIFTH RACE—Five furlongs—Won by Big Ben, 11 to 2 and 1 to 2; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

KENILWORTH WINNERS.

(Special to The Evening World.)

KENILWORTH RACE TRACK, BURLINGTON, N. J., Sept. 3.—The fall meeting here to-day. The track was packed and the attendance fine. The results of the races were as follows:

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs—Won by Big Ben, 11 to 2 and 1 to 2; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

SECOND RACE—Five furlongs—Won by Big Ben, 11 to 2 and 1 to 2; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

THIRD RACE—Five furlongs—Won by Big Ben, 11 to 2 and 1 to 2; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

FOURTH RACE—Five furlongs—Won by Big Ben, 11 to 2 and 1 to 2; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

FIFTH RACE—Five furlongs—Won by Big Ben, 11 to 2 and 1 to 2; 2 to 5, second; 3 to 1, third. Time—1:13.

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EVENING WORLD RACE CHART

SEVENTH DAY AT SHEPHEAD.

The Evening World's charts are indexed from first race at Aqueduct.

729	FIRST RACE—\$1,000 added; handicap steepchase, for four-year-olds and up. Full course, 1 1/4 miles. Time 3:14. Winner, Br. z. by Hermance.												
Vias-Via Owner, Mr. Chambliss.													
Index.	Horse.	Jockey.	Wt.	St.	1	1 1/4	2	Pin.	Open.	Clos.	1st.	2d.	3d.
100	Boresse	Weir	148	5	1	1 1/4	2	Pin.	Open.	Clos.	1st.	2d.	3d.
101	Dromedary	Wheeler	148	6	1	1 1/4	2	Pin.	Open.	Clos.	1st.	2d.	3d.
200	Amar	Henry	147	4	1	1 1/4	2	Pin.	Open.	Clos.	1st.	2d.	3d.
201	Leopard	Cavalier	147	5	1	1 1/4	2	Pin.	Open.	Clos.	1st.	2d.	3d.
300	Knight of Harlem	McKee	132	2	1	1 1/4	2	Pin.	Open.	Clos.	1st.	2d.	3d.
301	Trail	McKee	132	3	1	1 1/4	2	Pin.	Open.	Clos.	1st.	2d.	3d.
363	Delivery	J. O'Brien	140	1	1	1 1/4	2	Pin.	Open.	Clos.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Counted in places: Time 3:14. Winner, Br. z. by Hermance.													
Steepchase—Fox Hunter and Flying Butters.													
Overcasted—Sea Gull, A. Knight of													